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Audi driver Lucas Luhr about Oschersleben

- **New circuit layout promises more action**
- **Two Audi victories in the last three years**
- **Demanding circuit challenges man and machine**

This coming weekend the Motorsport Arena Oschersleben hosts the second DTM race of the year (Sunday from 1:45 p.m. live on German TV “Das Erste”). Audi factory driver Lucas Luhr talks about the 3.696 kilometre long circuit close to Magdeburg, on which Audi has won two of the previous three DTM races (Tom Kristensen winning in both 2004 and 2006).

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What personal impressions do you have of Oschersleben?

“Oschersleben is a technically challenging circuit. There are many combinations of corners which make the race physically demanding. There is barely any time at all to relax on the short straights. I won once at Oschersleben at the wheel of a GT sportscar – you obviously enjoy looking back at such moments.”

Where is the most complex point on the circuit?

“A couple of the trickiest sections are the triple apex left-hander and the chicane which immediately follows the right-hand bend after the triple left. You have to find a happy medium at the chicane – you can’t bounce too hard over the kerbs or also follow a clean line as it costs too much time.”

How does the narrow and twisty nature of the circuit affect the race?

“The relatively twisty and narrow circuit means that there only a few overtaking areas, which is why the qualifying performance is all the more important.”

The first corner was altered. What can the fans expect?

“The section leading to the first corner and the final part of the back straight were anyway the best place to overtake. To a certain extent the overtaking opportunities entering the first corner are even better, since this is often the case where you have to brake harder and longer. My tip to every photographer: Wait at the first corner! Grip on the outside line and none on the inside line – risky manoeuvres are inevitable...”

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